

Junblatt charges Syrian pressure; fierce battles rage in Beirut

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LEBANON'S LEFTIST leader Kamal Junblatt, yesterday accused Syria of harassing the radical forces as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) now battling to depose Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh and set up a leftist regime in Beirut.

He charged Syria with having blocked the supply of arms to leftist forces which recently overran several Christian positions.

The Syrian moves have "taken the form of political pressure on ourselves and the Palestinian leaders, and also practical pressure by cutting our reserves of ammunition and other military supplies," Junblatt said.

Unconfirmed reports yesterday said that Syria had demanded that

the leftists accept a new ceasefire by tonight as a prelude to the introduction of political reforms dividing the administration in Lebanon between Christians and Moslems. It remained unclear whether the Syrians planned any action against the left in Lebanon and what measures they could take without triggering Israel counter-measures.

Syrian President Hafez Assad was yesterday reported to be in constant contact with the Christian and Muslim leaders in Lebanon. The Syrians were said to be pressing for the formation of a transitional regime under which President Frangieh would be replaced "constitutionally." The Syrians have been negotiating with the Christian and Muslim leaders for the nomination of a presidential successor.

Meanwhile, the Egyptian Middle

East News Agency, MENA, last night reported that fierce fighting continued unabated between Christian and leftist forces in Beirut and the north. The agency said that the northern port city of Tripoli were being threatened by an oil refinery fire which has been raging out of control since last Sunday.

UN Council alerted

UNITED NATIONS. — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim alerted the Security Council yesterday to the "gravity of the situation in Lebanon."

Waldheim acted under a rarely invoked provision of the UN Charter authorizing the Secretary-General to bring to the Council's attention "any matter which, in his opinion, may threaten the maintenance of international peace and security."

Hussein tells Ford: Lebanese crisis may lead to ME war

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Jordan's King Hussein opened up his talks yesterday with President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warning, during a formal White House welcoming ceremony, that the Middle East is once again "at a crossroads between war and peace."

This statement was an indication to some observers here that he is especially concerned over a further deterioration of the Lebanese situation, and the potential for an Israel-Syrian confrontation.

Usually, visiting heads of state avoid issuing such statements during formal welcoming ceremonies.

President Ford praised the Jordanian monarch as a "statesman and leader of a very proud nation," and as a "sincere friend who has come to visit among friends."

Immediately after the ceremony, Hussein met at the White House with Ford and Kissinger, and later in the afternoon attended a working luncheon with Kissinger and other American officials at the State Department.

The current crisis in Lebanon was believed to have topped the agenda, although other "bilateral" issues, such as additional U.S. economic and military aid to Jordan, were also reportedly discussed. Jordan has been anxiously preparing a new shopping list of military items, including fighter planes and anti-aircraft missiles.

There was heightened concern among American and other diplomatic sources yesterday over the escalating fighting in Lebanon, and the fear that Syria may intervene unilaterally.

Sadat may get Alpha jets via France

BONN. — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government will leave a loophole in its ban on arms exports to non-Nato countries — allowing France to sell Egypt jet fighters.

Through Egyptian President Anwar Sadat told reporters he did not

discuss German arms with Schmidt during their current talks, the sources said West Germany "will not and cannot" prevent French factories from taking over production of parts of the Alpha jet now manufactured here.

Other than the loophole for sale of the Alphas, Schmidt and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher de-

clined late Monday to continue to ban the sale of West German arms to "tension areas" outside the North Atlantic Alliance countries, the sources said.

Egypt is negotiating with France to buy 120 Alpha jets as a partial replacement for its 230 Soviet Mig 21s that are rapidly running out of spare parts.

More than 'just a quiet strike'

By YOSEF GOELL

"THE YOUNG MEN of our village did not believe that Israel soldiers and policemen would fire at them just for throwing stones at them, or even for hurling torches. It was all a tragic mistake." Thus, said Mahmoud Said Na'aman, chairman of the Local Council of Arraba sum up yesterday's tragic events in his village, where one man was killed by army fire.

Mr. Na'aman's somewhat dazed comment seemed to corroborate what I saw in a drive through Central Galilee yesterday. The Galilee riots, the first in which Israeli Arabs ever attacked Israeli Army personnel, was mostly a matter of teenagers and young men in the villages who were running amok.

The best evidence of this was the surprising case of Nazareth, the centre of Arab Galilee. The Rakah-controlled city was expected to be the focal point of yesterday's demonstrations. In anticipation, substantial numbers of helmeted, baton-wielding and shield-bearing police were despatched there. But very little occurred there in yesterday's Galilean drama, because Rakah succeeded in controlling even its own volatile members. As Rakah Deputy Mayor Mon'em Jarjura told me in his office early yesterday morning: "We want a quiet strike. And because of that we have decided not to hold any public demonstration. Just a simple strike."

As a result, Nazareth was not far from normal yesterday. Most shopkeepers kept their shops closed, but many tourist restaurants were open and groups of pilgrims wandered their way from Mary's Well to the Cathedral. The traffic jams in the main street were as usual, and the morning streets were filled with schoolchildren on their way to school. Many labourers left for work in surrounding Jewish towns with quite a number being picked up by vans and trucks sent and

often driven by their Jewish employers.

The buses of the Nazareth Bus Company were also in operation. Mr. Jarjura explained that there was no desire to inconvenience neighbouring Jewish Upper Nazareth, which is also served by the bus company. Left unmentioned was the fear that if the bus company suspended service its franchise would be revoked.

This pragmatic approach of the Arab-owned Nazareth Bus Company accurately reflected the attitude and practice of many Arab adults throughout Galilee yesterday. It was a matter of assessing the opposing pressures in each case: that of Rakah-voiced street opinion in favour of the strike, and the fear of possible official and private Jewish economic retaliation.

In practice, this expressed itself in shopkeepers who serve primarily an Arab clientele, closing down in Nazareth, (but only in the morning), in the second-largest all-Arab town of Shefaram, and in mixed Acra, but not in Haifa, where the Arabs constitute a small minority. Labourers, who are dependent on employment in Jewish-owned places of work, generally want to work so as not to endanger their source of livelihood. Schools and municipal government offices were also generally open.

But the principle of "just a quiet strike" broke down in some of the villages, where the shabab, the volatile teenagers, who are mostly school drop-outs and often unemployed to boot, ran riot.

In Kafr Kanna, near Nazareth, several scores of such shabab were busy throwing up a barricade of building stones across the main highway that runs between the village houses. I was in a time-up of vehicles which was forced to stop and, as the drivers descended to clear away the roadblock, the youngsters started pelting us with stones.

At first there were no police in sight, but in a few minutes a Border Police armoured car and a jeep zoomed down and a handful of baton-swinging policemen were running after the youngsters, who being youngsters, managed to get away.

In the West Galilee village of Tamra, I came up against a roadblock consisting of a blinding truck. As I stopped short and thought to photograph the sight, several dozen youngsters surrounded my car and began banging on it and rocking it violently. My protestations that I merely wanted to visit a friend in the village, whom I named, were of no avail, and I beat a hasty retreat under a barrage of threats and stones. No police were in sight.

In Nazareth, the large contingent of police was obviously under strict orders to be tough but restrained. In Shefaram, Acra and in many of the quiet villages through which I passed in my swing from Nazareth through Central and Western Galilee there were no police in sight.

I could not get to the three villages which were the focal point of violence in Galilee yesterday — Saknin, Arraba and Deir Hanna — because the road which serves them had been closed by the Army. But at one end of the closed road, the policeman who stopped me was an Arab himself, who was obviously still shocked by the fact that his fellow villagers had attacked him and his colleagues in the Saknin police station.

Galilee was a beautiful yesterday as it always is in this season; and strange to say, most of it was tranquil, with Arab farmers tilling their land and Beduin herdsmen tending their flocks. But the eruption of violence in the few villages which were the exception, for the first time brought to the surface tensions which have been smoldering for many years.

Pres. Oduber assures Knesset of Costa Rica's unflagging support

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE PRESIDENT of Costa Rica, Daniel Oduber Quirios, said yesterday that, just as his country had backed Israel when it first became a state so it would continue to give Israel its unflagging support, in its just and uncompromising demand to attain a genuine peace, as well as for recognition of its right to live in secure and recognized borders, and on terms of harmonious coexistence with its neighbours.

President Oduber said this from the rostrum of the Knesset, enjoying a privilege which the House confers only on heads of state. Describing Costa Rica as "Israel's sister-country" he said that at the UN and all other international

forums Israel would find Costa Rica to be a firm ally in its just struggle for its existence and its prosperity.

"Justice for the states of the Middle East, and the interest of the world demand that the dispute which oppresses these nations should find its solution in UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 which were attained after much consideration on a foundation of truth and equality."

President Oduber said: "Here in Jerusalem, the mystic city of peace and capital of the State of Israel, I have a better understanding of the eternal link between the Jewish people and its love for Zion. This

link is the historic and the human vindication for the existence of the two-millennia-old Zionist movement, worthy of the admiration of Latin Americans who support all national liberation movements."

He said he was expressing the sentiments of his deeply religious nation, in thanking Israel sincerely for the dignified manner in which it maintained the Holy Places revered by so many.

The plenum chamber was packed. President Ephraim Katzir, who had escorted President Oduber to the Knesset and received a double presidential welcome from the Knesset Guard outside the building, sat in the presidential gallery. Premier Yitzhak Rabin and several Cabinet

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U.S. to name firms that join boycott

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WASHINGTON. — Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson told visiting Likud Knesset Member Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday that the Commerce Department will shortly release, for the first time, the names of U.S. firms that have illegally complied with the Arab boycott against Israel.

During a meeting here, Richardson also said that the Department's October 1, 1975, policy decision to ask U.S. companies to state whether or not they had been approached by the Arab League boycott office to comply with the boycott has resulted in the filing of some 14,000 such contacts between October 1 and the end of December.

Local violence during general strike Calm restored after day of riots by Israel Arabs

QUIET WAS restored in Israel's Arab towns and villages last night after a day of violent demonstrations which marked the first general protest of Israel Arabs in 28 years.

Six Arabs died in clashes with security forces and 70 were injured. Some 50 policemen and soldiers were also injured. Police arrested 280 rioters.

Thousands of police and troops were deployed to quell the riots which were sparked by the Communist Rakah party's effort to organize a general strike to protest against land expropriations in the Galilee.

The riots, more violent than recent demonstrations on the West Bank, focused on five Galilee villages and four towns in the Sharon "Triangle."



WITH HEAVY police forces on hand, the strike passed in Nazareth with relative quiet.

(Millman)

Death in Triangle

TEL AVIV. — Demonstrations in the Sharon region were concentrated yesterday in the villages of Taiba, Kalansurwa, Jaljulya and Tira.

The worst incident took place at Tira where one youth was killed, two were badly injured and 37 villagers were arrested. The incident began when 300 village youth attacked officials of the Local Council early in the morning. Police were called in and were immediately attacked.

When a police car was set alight, the men in the car wounded and endangered, warning shots were fired and one youth was killed.

Hillel: Police acted only when attacked

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

POLICE MINISTER Shlomo Hillel strongly denied that the casualties in yesterday's Arab disturbances resulted from police interference with the general strike.

"The deaths and injuries were, instead, the result of physical attacks on our security forces — stone-throwing and the hurling of incendiary devices — that compelled them to act in self-defence," he told the press in Jerusalem last night.

Hillel also emphasized that the curfew imposed in the villages of Arraba, Deir Hanna and Saknin on Monday evening came only after clashes with security forces. The curfews in the villages were lifted at 8 o'clock last night.

The police minister noted that, in Tira, security forces were summoned by the local council to bring order to a demonstration outside. When the police arrived, they were surrounded. They fired shots into the air to disperse the Arab demonstrators. One man, a resident of Tulikarm, was killed, Hillel said.

In another incident, demonstrators tried to block the main road in Kafr Kanna, and again, the border police "were forced to shoot in the air." A wounded boy who was found after the trouble is believed by the police to have been hurt before the riot began — "in a family dispute," he died in hospital.

In two separate incidents, security forces were surrounded by demonstrators and seriously attacked, Hillel said. "Our forces were merely passing along, not interfering with the demonstrators," he emphasized. The minister said that general

police instructions in such cases are to fire in the air as a warning, with officers on the scene themselves deciding on more drastic measures if they are seriously threatened. He added that the police will conduct an investigation of the circumstances of all incidents to determine whether arms were used according to regulations.

The disturbances were not as serious as the inciters had hoped, Mr. Hillel maintained. Although Nazareth was the focus of the Rakah group and the scene of a nearly total general strike, there was no violence there, he said. The police had thought that most of the trouble would be in Nazareth.

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Rakah appeals to Knesset

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE KNESSET will this morning debate a motion of no-confidence in the Government, tabled by Rakah's Avraham Levenbraun, on the grounds that "the authorities deliberately attacked innocent Arabs in revenge for the general strike."

The Knesset will also debate two urgent motions for the agenda by Moked and Independent Socialists. Six Alignment MKs from Labour and Mapam asked in vain for an urgent session of the faction last night to receive a report from "an authorised Cabinet Minister" on the riots. They said there was no reason why they should depend on the media for information.

Mapam Ministers complained that, when they contacted the Prime Minister's Office yesterday for information, they drew a blank.

West Bank shops shut in sympathy

Jerusalem Post Staff

A BUSINESS strike was held in most West Bank towns as well as East Jerusalem yesterday morning in sympathy with the Israel Arab land protests. Shopkeepers opened up later in the day, after being warned by the authorities that they would be penalized if they did not do so.

In East Jerusalem, merchants returned after police had padlocked a number of the closed shops.

No violence was reported anywhere in Judea and Samaria, except for one riot staged in the refugee camp of Balata, near Nablus. A curfew was imposed on the camp. The Gaza Strip was reported all quiet. In Gaza town there was one attempt to strew rocks on a road outside a school, but this was scotched without any confrontation.

Despite the disruption of school and business life, 40 more candidates registered yesterday for the municipal elections due to be held in Judea and Samaria on April 12. So far, 243 candidates have been

put forward in various West Bank townships in the larger cities, most of the candidates are expected to register shortly before today's 6 p.m. deadline.

Over 200 Jordanians yesterday staged a demonstration near the Allenby Bridge in support of "the Arab people in occupied Palestine." The crowd, who had come to the bridge from Amman in buses, left the site quietly after leaving placards denouncing Israel.

In Beirut, Fatah leader Yasser Arafat and his rival in the Palestine Liberation Organization George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, yesterday met publicly for the first

time in a year to demonstrate their "unity behind the Palestinian people's struggle."

The appeal on the Temple Mount decision of Judge Ruth Or, scheduled for yesterday in Jerusalem District Court, has been postponed until tomorrow. It was this decision, ruling that Jews have the right to pray on the Temple Mount, that is generally viewed as having touched off the recent disturbances.

CALL AT UN

At the UN yesterday, the PLO said it would ask the General Assembly to convene in special session to discuss the "plight of Israel's Arab population."

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EEC ties could shut 25% of plants here

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A quarter of Israel's industries will either have to shift to different products or close down as a result of the new tariff-reduction agreement with the European Common Market (EEC), Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev told Prime Minister Rabin yesterday.

Speaking with Rabin as the prime minister toured his ministry, Bar-Lev said the estimate was the result of a survey of 1,000 plants in Israel, taken to determine the impact of the agreement now gradually coming into force.

The change-over, he said, will be easier for companies that produce more than one product such as Tadiran. That company, for instance, will have to stop making refrigerators; but it could continue production of other products. Furthermore, companies that now ex-

port have nothing to fear from the agreement or from European competition.

However, others — especially producers of durables — will have to undergo a significant change.

To help industry overcome these difficulties, the ministry has set up joint committees with local industrialists. These committees have been operating for almost a year and are expected to issue guidelines on the subject.

Commenting on the most urgent problems of Israeli industry today, ministry deputy director-general Amos Mar-Haim told the Prime Minister that the terms of credit to industry have deteriorated in the last year. The credits, which amounted to IL5.90 per dollar last year, are no larger this year, although Israel's currency has depreciated by more than a pound vis a vis the dollar.

New evidence found on hazards of hashish

REHOVOT. — New evidence on the hazards of hashish was presented yesterday by researchers at the Weismann Institute of Science.

While hashish (or marijuana) smoking is still widely practiced, the arguments against it have faltered for lack of any definitive proof that "grass" is harmful. Although numerous studies throughout the world have concentrated, so far without success, on explaining how hashish acts on the brain, attention has only recently been focused on the damage it causes elsewhere in the body — both through its psychoactive components (which affect the state of mind) and its non-psychoactive components.

Dr. Rachel Goldman and Avraham Raz of the Weismann Institute's Membrane and Bioregulation Laboratory are now investigating aspects of the mechanism and the sequence of events that follow the interaction of hashish compounds with living cells, cellular membranes and phospholipid model membranes. They have demonstrated that both the main psychoactive component of hashish — delta-1 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) — and cannabidiol (CBD), a non-psychoactive component, exert an irreversible toxic effect on the macrophages — cells which engulf and destroy bacteria and other foreign bodies in mice.

A fifteen-minute exposure to low concentrations of either of these two compounds — and their subsequent transfer to a fresh culture medium — results in the death of all the cells within 24 hours. Continuous exposure to the hashish compounds, however, causes macrophage death within 3 hours. The sequence of events leading to this cell death indicates that major changes in cell membranes and intracellular components take place upon interaction with hashish compounds. Parallel studies on isolated

cell components (organelles) show that they also undergo severe damage upon interaction with hashish.

Together with Dr. Diana Bach, Dr. Goldman and Raz (a student at the Feinberg Graduate School) are also studying the effect of THC and CBD on phospholipid model membranes in an attempt to simulate their interaction with biological membranes. These experiments have clearly demonstrated that the incorporation of hashish into the membranes results in a decrease of electrical resistance and an increase in the degree of fluidity — changes which may suffice to trigger the adverse effect of hashish on living cells.

That laboratory studies are relevant to what actually happens to hashish smokers is suggested by clinical studies in the U.S. There, scientists compared the number of macrophages obtained from the lung lining of marijuana smokers with those of a group of non-smokers and found that the macrophage population in the lungs of hashish smokers is not only considerably diminished but also exhibits functional and structural differences that are reminiscent of those that have been observed under laboratory conditions.

Different sites in the body are exposed to inhaled hashish compounds in varying degrees. Deleterious effects on the alveolar macrophages may reduce the body's resistance to lung diseases. Pathological phenomena in the liver and spleen have been observed in laboratory animals exposed to hashish.

Dr. Goldman believes that the severity and consistency of the damage done by hashish should serve to warn all hashish users of the hazards that getting high may be hazardous in the extreme.



Members of Jerusalem's Black Panthers seen loading stolen dairy goods from the Strass warehouse in Ramat Gan onto a truck at 3 a.m. yesterday. The Panthers later distributed the cheese, yogurt and other milk products to poor families in the Kiryat Menahem quarter, in a protest against price rises and lack of government aid to the needy. Two of the self-styled Robin Hoods were arrested at 5 a.m. They were spotted by a police patrol which had come to wake up a colleague who lives in Kiryat Menahem.

Japanese handball team here

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Japanese men's handball team arrived here yesterday for its two-match Asian zone play-off against Israel. The winner of the series will go through to the Montreal Olympics. The games take place at Tel Aviv's Yad Hachayim Sports Palace on April 2 and 5.

Ten of the visitors' 14 players were in the Japanese team which two years ago scored a narrow (19-14 and 14-14) overall victory against Israel in a qualifying match for the world handball championships in Leipzig, East Germany.

Israel, in contrast, is fielding a largely new line-up for the coming tournament, with only five survivors from the 18-strong squad which lost to the Japanese in 1974, team manager Shmuel Silbermann told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Among the five is new captain Shimon Alberman, who has scored 25 goals in his 12 international appearances so far.

Japan, Asia's undisputed top nation in handball, has to date beaten Israel in six of the nine encounters between the two countries. These included two home wins in the Asian zone qualifying matches for the 1972 Olympics, when the sport figured in the Olympics for the first time. (The gold medal went to Romania.)

The Israelis are now completing over a year of training with a 12-day closed camp at the Wingate Institute. Their intensive preparations included a fortnight's training and daily handball matches in West Germany, when they split the honours in two internationals against the Federal Republic.

The Japanese squad are scheduled to begin their training today at Holon's indoor sports stadium.

Israel v. Japan in soccer today

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's national soccer team today faces Japan in Seoul in the first of their Olympic Games qualifying matches. The Israelis then meet host-nation South Korea on Sunday, with the return fixtures against the two countries taking place here in mid-April.

The overall winner of the three-nation competition enters July's Olympic football finals in Montreal. To date, the Israelis have only once reached the Olympic soccer finals, in Mexico in 1968. South Korea defeated Israel 1-0 in extra time in Seoul in the last World Football Cup qualifying matches. Since 1973, Israel has scored three victories over Japan.

Jews must do dirty work, says Golda

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The future of Israel will be decided not in the United Nations but whether Arabs or Jews do the "dirty work" in building the country, according to former Prime Minister Golda Meir.

Meir was addressing members of the British Aliya movement yesterday at Beit Hamin. The members, including many students, are here on a two-week visit.

In the question-and-answer session with Meir, which lasted an hour and half instead of the scheduled half hour, the former prime minister said that Israel has nothing to feel guilty about concerning its treatment of the Arab population within Israel or the occupied territories. Fanning about 13 per cent of the population, Israeli Arabs live well and on the whole are very loyal, she said.

Asked about how the members of the Aliya Movement should present their argument when they returned to England, Mrs. Meir said: "No one can tell another to come to Israel on aliya if he remains behind." Persuading Jews to come on aliya, she said, must be based, not on gimmicks or propaganda, but on the education of Jews about their heritage and Zionism.

LOTTO. — The winning six numbers in yesterday's Lotto draw were 02, 03, 14, 17, 20 and 22. The additional number was 33.

Sinai can welcome more vacationers this Pessah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Southern Sinai's favourite excursion spots can now adequately accommodate more than double the number of vacationers who visited the peninsula last year.

Work is being rushed to put finishing touches to modern toilet facilities, hostels and watering stations in time for the expected Pessah rush, the Southern Sinai Development Administration told reporters at a press conference here yesterday.

Reuven Aloni, director of the administration, said the preparations included information centres along the main roads, conveniently spaced first aid and motor repair stations, and a special police radio patrol which will summon either first aid or mechanical help when needed.

New projects to greet Pessah excursionists are a 120-bed field study centre in Ophra (Sharm el-Sheikh), a youth hostel with the same number of places, and a similar youth hostel in nearby Na'ama. Here, a new feature at the entrance to the bayside area is a Beduin sheikh's tent serving coffee and light refreshments.

The Caravan, one of Ophra's two hotels, has been enlarged and refurbished, with 50 rooms ready and more under construction.

The Santa Katherine region, where

a large new redstone airfield terminal is to be opened in May, also sports a new 120-place field study centre, put up by the Nature Protection Society and complete with self-service kitchens. Guides are available here to conduct organized tours of the region. The monastery's renovated hostel provides another 120 beds.

All stations along the Gulf of Suez coast have camping facilities, but desert growers are warned not to prepare to spend the night along the Gulf of Suez, a restricted area. Motorists are advised to stick to the main roads, where fuel and repair stations are within reasonable reach. Those attempting to drive up to Santa Katherine may do so either by the road from E-Tur, on the western coast, or from the east, turning in at Dahab. Both roads are negotiable by front-wheel drive vehicles only.

Swimming spots along the eastern coast include free public facilities, sun awnings and fresh water, with snack bars and restaurants at Nuweiba and Dahab.

THREE LUBAVITCH families from the U.S. left Ben-Gurion Airport for South Africa yesterday, as emissaries of the Lubavitch hasidic movement, Habad. They will open Habad centres and houses in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Police catch wanted owner of massage houses

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Massage parlour operator Yoram Hayat wanted for six months by police on a variety of charges ranging from theft and bribery to jumping bail, was captured yesterday in a Rehov Sheinkin apartment in Givatayim.

Hayat, 29, was first arrested last September on suspicion of theft and burglary. He was released on bail in November, but not before he received an extra charge on his sheet — trying to bribe a policeman. He allegedly promised a policeman IL20,000 if he would see to it that the charges against him were dropped.

When he failed to appear for questioning Hayat was traced to the Ramat Gan branch of his three-parlour chain, but managed to elude his pursuers by jumping from the second storey of his "health spa."

Yesterday the police took no chances. A seven-man squad headed by Inspector Ya'acov Barda sealed off the building and entered the apartment, where they found a pistol, \$300 in cash and a small quantity of barbiturates.

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Canada Park is dedicated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday dedicated Canada Park in the Ayalon Valley, one of the largest recreational facilities in the country. Located between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, the park has been drawing large crowds since even before the official opening. The park presently open to the public covers 1,500 dunam and includes picnic areas, physical training facilities and an adventure playground for children. The park, developed by the Jewish National Fund, will eventually cover 4,200 dunam.

Also attending yesterday's ceremony was a delegation headed by Canadian JNF President James Kay and former president Bernard M. Bloomfield.

Couple held for aiding soldiers suspected of stealing Uzis

TEL AVIV. — The District Court yesterday issued 10-day remand orders against two residents of Moshav Rishpon accused of hiding two soldiers who had escaped from a military lockup and assisting them to commit thefts.

Soldiers Doron Dahuah and Meir Ziv, who had been in the Atlit lock-up on suspicion of having stolen 34 Uzi submachine guns for sale to Arabs, were recaptured Sunday in the isolated house of Rivka and Yoram Plotki. In ordering the remand, District Court Judge Dov Levin was reversing Magistrate Yehoshua Gross's decision to release the Plotkis on bail — a decision the police had immediately appealed.

Dahuah and Ziv, who had seen through the bars of their cell with smuggled hacksaw blades, were taken by police from their beds in the Plotkis' Rishpon house. Police told the court here yesterday that

the two fugitives had been planning to forge police identity papers and search orders in order to carry out thefts that would help them flee the country. During their three days with the Plotkis, he continued, they had already managed to carry out several burglaries; and Yoram Plotki had taken them in his car to enable them to steal another one. (The stolen car was recovered at the Plotki home, the police added.)

The Plotkis' lawyer, in opposing the remand order, said his clients had already made a full statement.

In Haifa, meanwhile, 19-year-old Yerubam Levi was remanded for seven days on suspicion of smuggling the hacksaw blades, concealed in toothpaste and shampoo tubes, to Dahuah and Ziv. The Haifa youth's attorney described his client as "problematic" and easily influenced, and asked that the period of detention be short.

Symposium opens on muscular dystrophy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A three-day symposium on muscular dystrophy opened yesterday in Jerusalem at the Alyn Orthopaedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre — Israel's only long-term hospital school for physically handicapped children. Attending the multi-disciplinary conference are about 170 physicians and research scientists from Europe, the U.S. and Israel.

The symposium was organized by the Alyn hospital in cooperation with the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School. As part of the

proceedings the participants yesterday attended a lecture given by Prof. John Walton, Dean of the Medical School at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on "Fifty Years of Battle Against Muscular Dystrophy."

TNUVA in Beersheba was fined IL20,000 on Monday for having sold various dairy products containing foreign bodies, including hairs in cheese, plastic splinters in milk, and pieces of mushroom and fruit in sour cream.

'Rise in tourism could lead to more home sales'

TEL AVIV. — The rise in tourism may have a direct bearing on the acquisition of permanent homes in Israel by overseas Jewish families.

Simha Ben-Shaul, managing director of Jerusalem, Israel Homes and Real Estate Ltd., said this year's increase of more than 30 per cent in the number of tourists emphasizes the real estate opportunities available in Israel to a vastly increased market of potential buyers.

To serve the influx of thousands of visitors to Israel during Pessah and immediately after, Israel's offices in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem will be open throughout the holiday, to provide tourists with visits to new residential building sites throughout Israel.

More than 2,000 new residences designed for overseas buyers in a variety of villas, duplex homes, b-tris, luxury and standard buildings — in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Netanya, Holon, Bat Yam, Rishon LeZion, Ashdod and other areas will be offered for sale.

Ben-Shaul said that while Israeli real estate prices have remained firm, the near future may witness a sharp rise in apartment prices due to increased costs throughout the economy.

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NOTICE TO EXTERNAL CANDIDATES REGARDING BAGRUT AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS — SUMMER 1976 SESSION

1. WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

- The Summer 1976 Session of Preliminary and Bagrut examinations will be held in the period June 14, 1976 — July 14, 1976.
- These examinations will be held at the same time as the summer examinations for pupils at post-primary schools ("internal candidates"). Most of the examinations will be held in the morning, in accordance with the timetable given hereunder.
- The following changes will be introduced at this session:
 - In the examination for English as a second foreign language, the use of Hornby's or Collins' English dictionary (English-English) will be allowed.
 - In the examination for English as a first foreign language, most of the questions will be of the multiple-choice type, particularly in the comprehension sections.
- Examinations timetable:

DATE	SUBJECT	EXAMINATION CODE	PART	FROM	TILL
Monday June 14	First Foreign Language French (12), Russian (17), Spanish (19), Italian (21), Polish (23), Rumanian (25), Portuguese (27), Turkish (29), Persian (31), Hungarian (33), Slovak (35), Czech (37) Second Foreign Language French (14), Russian (18), Spanish (20), Italian (22), Rumanian (24), Polish (26), Portuguese (28), Turkish (30), Persian (32), Hungarian (34), Slovak (36), Czech (38)	Examination code is given against each subject	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday June 16	History History (preliminary) History B — preliminary, for new immigrants	24 24 25	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Thursday June 17	The People and the State — preliminary	34		9.00 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Monday June 21	Geography Geography (preliminary) Geography of Eretz Yisrael — preliminary	29 29 30	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday June 23	English as first foreign language English as first foreign language English as second foreign language	09 09 11	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Friday June 25	Hebrew Composition Hebrew Grammar Hebrew Grammar — for new immigrants Hebrew Grammar — for new immigrants	05 05 06 06		9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Monday June 28	Bible — syllabus A — general Bible — syllabus B — general Bible — syllabus B — religious Bible — syllabus B — religious Bible — for new immigrants	06 06 07 07 08	A B A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday June 30	Mathematics — restricted syllabus Mathematics — broad syllabus Mathematics — broad syllabus	08 08 09	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Friday July 2	Talmud	30		9.00 a.m.	12 noon
Sunday July 4	Art	65		9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Monday July 5	Biology Biology — preliminary	23 24		9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.
Wednesday July 7	Arabic as first foreign language Arabic as first foreign language Arabic as second foreign language	15 15 16	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Friday July 9	Hebrew literature — restricted syllabus A Hebrew literature — restricted syllabus B Hebrew literature — religious Hebrew literature — broad syllabus Hebrew literature — broad syllabus Hebrew literature — for new immigrants	05 05 06 06 07 08	A B A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Monday July 12	Physics — restricted syllabus Physics — broad syllabus Physics — broad syllabus Physics — preliminary	35 36 36 37	A B	9.00 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday July 14	Chemistry Chemistry — preliminary	27 28		9.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.

2. ORAL EXAMINATIONS

Oral examinations for new immigrants and for candidates whose application to be examined orally has been approved will be held at offices of Examinations Division between Sunday, July 18, and Friday, July 30. Candidates registered for such examinations will be notified of the date on which they will be examined in each subject, and of where the examination will be held.

3. CLOSING OF REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 1976 EXAMINATIONS SESSION

- The last date for the opening of files for new candidates, and for submitting requests for payment slips for a change of subject, and for transfer between districts/offices is Wednesday, April 14, 1976.
- The last date on which candidates in possession of payment slips may register to sit examinations in this session is Friday, May 14, 1976.
- We ask and recommend candidates not to wait till the last moment to register.

4. EXAMINATION CENTRES

- General
 - In order to help candidates who live in localities situated away from the big towns, most of the examinations in this session will be held at 40 centres throughout the country. This has been made possible by the synchronizing of the examinations for external and internal (post-primary school) candidates. In general, the examinations in the various locations will be held in secondary schools, with the pupils of these schools; in most cases, internal and external candidates will sit in separate rooms.
 - For some subjects for which the number of candidates is small, the examinations will be held in the big towns only (see details hereunder).
 - This arrangement will necessitate the close cooperation of candidates, who must know the location they must reach to take their examinations. We therefore ask candidates to read carefully the instructions issued by each office/district, and to act accordingly. At some offices, candidates will be required to advise the office in writing of the location at which they prefer to be examined, when registering for the examinations. Please help us to help you!
- Office for Tel Aviv and District (District 1)
 - In addition to the examination centres in Tel Aviv, examinations will also be held at places such as Netanya, Kfar Sabar, Petah Tikva, Rehovot, etc. The distribution of candidates between the different centres will be arranged by the office, in line with the place of residence of the candidates, as recorded on our files. Before the examinations, candidates will receive a personal notice regarding the place of examination for each subject. In this connection, please watch for announcements in the Press.
 - Candidates may sit the following examinations in Tel Aviv only: first and second foreign languages (other than English), Talmud, art.
- Office for Haifa and the North (District 2)
 - Candidates may sit the following examinations in Haifa only: first and second foreign languages (other than English), Talmud, art.
 - For other subjects, examinations will be held in the following centres: Haifa, Kiryat Shmona, Nahariya, Upper Nazareth, Beit Shean, Thiberias, Safed, Hadera, Kiryat Bialik.
 - Candidates who wish to be examined at one of the above locations, other than Haifa, must, as a matter of urgency, advise the Office of the Examinations Department, 20-gimmel Rehov Analewka, Haifa, in writing, giving their name, identity card number, examination subject, and the location at which they wish to be examined.
- Jerusalem Office (District 3)
 - All examinations for all candidates will be held at the Rene Cassin Secondary School, Jerusalem.
 - Candidates who wish to sit the examinations in Beit Shimon must apply to the office of the Examinations Department, 7 Rehov Paran, Ramat Hashikol, Jerusalem, in writing, as a matter of urgency, giving their name, identity card number, and examination subject.
- Southern District Office (District 4)
 - Candidates may sit the following examinations only in Beerseba or Eilat: first and second foreign language (other than English), Talmud and art.
 - For other subjects, examinations will be held in the following centres: Beerseba, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Kiryat Gat, Be'er Tuvia, Dimona, Eilat.
 - Candidates who wish to be examined at one of the above centres, other than Beerseba, must write as a matter of urgency to the Office of the Examinations Division, Rasco Building, Derech Hanezemim, Beerseba, giving name, identity card number, examination subject, and the centre at which they wish to be examined.

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Callaghan almost sure to be UK Premier

Takes 141 votes to Foot's 133

LONDON. — Foreign Secretary James Callaghan last night won the second ballot in the Labour Party leadership election and seemed certain to become Britain's next Prime Minister.

The 64-year-old middle-roader topped the poll with 141 votes to 133 for left-wing Employment Secretary Michael Foot.

This was not enough to make Callaghan an outright victor with an absolute majority, but placed him in a very strong position for the final round.

Foot immediately declared: "The whole thing is still wide open. I have got a very good chance. There has never been any doubt about my staying in the contest."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey received 38 of the total 312 votes cast by Labour Members of Parliament and was eliminated from the third ballot, the result of which will be declared next Monday.

Healey said he will leave it to the 38 who voted for him whether they swing their votes to Callaghan or Foot in the final ballot.

But his campaign manager, Joel Barbett, chief secretary to the Treasury, said "I am convinced the

overwhelming majority of Healey's votes now will go to Callaghan."

Callaghan all along had been odds-on favourite of politicians, the British media and London bookies to win in the third round.

By coming out top in the second ballot, political informants said, he greatly improved his chances.

In the first ballot on March 25 it was Foot who grabbed the lead, with 90 votes against 84 for Callaghan and 30 for Healey. But now Callaghan has reversed this situation.

Ballots for the final round of voting were distributed almost at once. Voting closes at noon April 5 and the winner will be proclaimed a few hours later.

Prime Minister Harold Wilson, whose decision to quit triggered the fight for the succession, made what was likely to be his last appearance in Parliament as government chief. He showed no signs of being mellowed by his impending resignation.

In a verbal duel with Conservative Opposition Leader Margaret Thatcher, he accused her of "a total lack of gumption in all political matters."

(Reuters, UPI)

Israel protests Libyan statement calling for her destruction

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel yesterday filed a formal protest against an assertion by Libya, a member of the Security Council, that Israel must be destroyed.

Ambassador Chaim Herzog made the protest in a letter to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, citing Ambassador Mansour Rashid Kikhia as saying in last Friday's meeting in reference to Israel.

"The racist entity in the Middle East must be destroyed and it will be destroyed one day,"

"The fact that such a statement could be made by a member of the

Security Council, whose government, according to the official spokesman of Egypt and Tunisia, sends assassins to kill the leaders of neighbouring countries, only serves to emphasize the serious decline of the moral standing of this important organ of the United Nations," Herzog said.

"I wish to record the Government of Israel's most emphatic protest against this call for the destruction of a member state, which was made by a member of the Security Council, in flagrant violation of the UN charter." (UPI)

Spain detains opposition leftists

MADRID. — Police on Monday night blocked a planned news conference by Spain's new opposition alliance, detaining labour organizer Marcelino Camacho and four other opponents of King Juan Carlos' new monarchy.

The Interior Ministry had banned the programme presentation scheduled by Democratic Coordination — an alliance of 13 left-wing and pro-reform groups that includes Communists, Socialists and Christian Democrats.

A police communique said that as the unified opposition group was composed of a majority of Communist factions and fellow travellers — all of them illegal — the news conference was banned due to its manifest illegality.

Police swept down on 106 Castellana Avenue, site of the law offices of left-wing attorney Antonio Garcia Trevijano, and arrested those politicians who had arrived early for the meeting. Plainclothesmen barred the door to reporters and the news conference never took place.

Held for questioning were Camacho, a long-time political prisoner released since Juan Carlos came to power, Socialist Rami Morodo, Trevijano, another Socialist, and a Basque.

Morodo, released from police headquarters yesterday after a night of interrogation, said the government action had wrecked chances for talks aimed at a peaceful transition to democracy.

The Democratic Coordination group contends that the system last dictator Francisco Franco left to Juan Carlos cannot be reformed into a real democracy. They insist on an impartial consultation of the Spanish people to determine what kind of political future Spaniards want.

In Seville, meanwhile, Juan Carlos yesterday went into the first full day of his week-long visit to Spain's economically depressed southern provinces.

On his arrival Monday evening in the capital of Andalusia he and Queen Sofia drew large and enthusiastic crowds. Speaking to a cheering local throng, Juan Carlos defended his monarchy, declaring, "the crown, understood as the supreme representation of the nation, is at the service of the Spanish people to guarantee them social peace, respect for the laws and stability of the state."

Opposition groups in Madrid which had asked permission to hold a mass demonstration next Sunday yesterday changed the proposed time to Saturday night.

The move came after 12 right-wing organizations announced plans to hold a similar rally at the same time and place. There was still no official word on whether either rally would be authorized. (UPI)

U.S. staff in Cairo blossoming

LOS ANGELES. — The staff of the American Embassy in Cairo has increased from 11 to 100 persons in the 13 months since the restoration of diplomatic relations with Egypt, according to a "Los Angeles Times" report.

An embassy spokesman confirmed the growth and said staff would undoubtedly increase even more because of the relentless demand for people to administer the proposed \$800m. economic aid programme for Egypt during the next fiscal year.

That amount of money, if approved by Congress, would equal the authorized annual economic aid for Vietnam during the climactic years of American involvement in Saigon.

Due to the need to greatly expand the AID office in Cairo, the avowed intention of Ambassador Hermann

Elts to "keep a low American profile" has been shattered.

AID officials are now looking for a building outside the embassy compound to serve as a headquarters for the supervision of the spending programme. It is the American belief that, despite a massive bureaucracy, the Egyptian Government will welcome U.S. supervision of how its assistance — in men and goods — is dispensed. In addition, American law requires that AID carefully follow the progress of assistance work everywhere overseas.

In addition to expanding his staff assigned for full two-year assignments in Egypt, local AID director Wilbert Templeton will also bring in technical experts on "temporary assignments" who often stay for many months without being on the official roster.

"We would fly in 30 people tomorrow if we could find housing for them," an AID organizer from Washington said.

During a recent visit, Secretary of the Treasury William Simon disclosed plans to place a few American advisers in Egyptian ministries to provide administrative assistance. Simon said one such assignment might be in the tax bureau to suggest methods for more effective tax collection.

Egyptian officials have not been overly enthusiastic about the idea. One of them suggested that "taxation is hardly subject for foreign interference."

While the burgeoning aid activity here is becoming comparable to that formerly going on in Saigon, there are no other parallels, the embassy spokesman asserted.



Oscar winners Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher celebrate after the ceremony. (AP radiophoto)

'Cuckoo's Nest' runs away with top five Oscars

HOLLYWOOD. — The film "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" made a clean sweep of the top five Oscars and emerged as best film of the year in the 48th annual Academy Award ceremonies Monday night.

Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher, stars of the movie that depicts life inside an insane asylum, won the awards for best actor and actress. Czechoslovak-born Milos Forman was named best director and Lawrence Hauben and Bo Goldman won the Oscar for best screenplay adapted from another medium.

Comedian George Burns received the award for best supporting actor in "The Sunshine Boys," the story of two old vaudeville stars trying to make a comeback.

In his acceptance speech, Burns said he had last made a film 37 years ago and added: "I want you all to know I've decided to make a picture every 37 years."

Lee Grant won best supporting actress for her role as one of Warren Beatty's playmates in the sex comedy "Shampoo."

Frank Pierson won for the best original screenplay in "Dog Day Afternoon."

The Soviet film, "Dersu Uzala," was named best foreign-language film of the year.

Minor awards were divided between "Barry Lyndon," the story of an Irish rogue in 18th-century England, and the shark epic "Jaws," "Barry Lyndon" won Oscars for art direction, costume design, hair and makeup, and cinematography.

"Jaws" won awards for sound, best original score and editing.

Nicholson said irreverently of his award to a group of friends: "I given to the man who is most robbed in past years."

The actor had sat through 15 ceremony four times before being nominated for his roles in "Easy Rider," "Five Easy Pieces," "The Last Detail" and "Chinatown."

"It was a long wait," he told reporters. "Little by little I got more nervous each year." (Reuters, UPI)

Senate moves to cut U.S. funds for UN

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Monday called on President Ford to begin negotiations to reduce the U.S. annual contribution to the UN and voted to create a commission to study U.S. participation in the world body.

After a series of parliamentary manoeuvres, it avoided voting on a proposal to reduce the nation's annual share of UN costs from 25 per cent to 15 per cent.

The actions came on amendments to the \$1.36b. foreign relations authorization act for fiscal 1977 which funds the State Department's U.S. Information Agency and the Board for International Broadcasting.

The Bill was passed 66 to 10 in a vote on the amendments. In a series of voice votes, the Senate also adopted an amendment which calls on the President to cut off U.S. aid funds to any nation found by him to be encouraging or harbouring political terrorism.

The amendment was introduced by Sen. Harry Byrd, Independent Virginia, and also includes language cutting off funds to any country which "serves as host to military or paramilitary forces or other nations seeking to carry out aggression against any other nation."

That section clearly was aimed against African nations which are invited to accept military aid from Soviet-backed Cuban armed forces especially in attempts to install a black majority government in Rhodesia, a break-away British colony run by a white minority.

The amendment seeking to reduce the U.S. share of UN assessments to 15 per cent over the next five years was offered by Sen. Doree Bartlett, Republican-Oklahoma, who said it would provide "an orderly realistic shift of monetary responsibility to other nations." Voting on this amendment was put off.

The major debate centred on the UN and recent actions which several members called irresponsible and objectionable, particularly anti-Israel votes.

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, Democrat Connecticut, said the UN organization was "under the complete dominance of the Soviet Union and the Third World" and added: "We are being outvoted and outcontrolled in every international organization."

The Senate approved an amendment by Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. John Sparkman, Democrat-Alabama, directing the President to "act immediately" to seek changes in the UN assessment schedule to ensure nations are billed according to their ability to pay.

Sen. Richard Stone, Democrat Florida, a co-sponsor, noted that the U.S. now pays 25 per cent of the UN operating costs — \$22,250,000 in fiscal 1976 — which is the highest of any member nation. But the oil-rich Arab nations each paid less than 1 per cent.

Other amendments passed by the Senate would require that at least 75 per cent of U.S. ambassadors be career diplomats rather than political appointees, and limit to \$5 the value of any gift which can be given to any foreign official or agent.

(AP, UPI)

Tornadoes kill 10 in U.S. South

CANTON, Mississippi. — At least 10 persons were killed and more than 100 injured as tornadoes swept through Arkansas and Mississippi Monday.

A twister cut a 200-yard swath through the business district of Canton, Arkansas, city of about 1,000 people, killing six persons, Arkansas state police said.

(UPI)

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Where have all the army entertainment troupes gone?

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER

LAST SEPTEMBER a top-level army decision decreed that drastic cuts were to be made in the whole structure, organization and size of the various large army entertainment troupes. Why?

Part of the answer, according to Raffi Ben Moshe, civilian artistic adviser to the Chief of Staff, is that Israeli soldiers give priority to entertainment. When a C.O. visits an outlying position and asks the boys if they have any complaints, the usual answer is "Not enough entertainment, Sir." In any other army, under similar conditions, there might be complaints about food, living conditions, or insufficient beer perhaps.

Deputy Chief of Staff Education Officer, Aluf-Mishne Avner Shalev elaborates: In the euphoric mood following the Six Day War, the whole matter of army entertainment was allowed to blow up out of all proportion. In addition to the seven "official" full-scale entertainment troupes (Northern, Southern and Central Commands, Nahal, Tank Corps, Air Force and Navy) another 10 small entertainment crews blossomed out into unjustifiably large teams. Quality began to go overboard at the expense of quantity, and too much sheer manpower was involved in army "show business."

It also turned out that the number of talented artists was in inverse ratio to the size of the troupe.

Once upon a time, the army troupes, in particular Lahakat Hanahal, were bursting with talented performers who later became famous — Haim and Galia Topol, Uri Zohar, Yossi Banai, Hava Alsterstein, Yehuda Berkani, Hanan, and more recently, Yehudi Miron. But a few, Avner Shalev has no explanation for the drop in talent these days, but admits, regretfully, that it is a fact. Another difficulty in setting up new entertainment troupes is the recent army ruling that soldiers who have a high physical profile must go into active service. This causes added complications: who ever heard of a group of low-physique dancers, or even actors and singers?

New potential army units after the Six Day War and again after the Yom Kippur War, with outlying placements in the Sinai and Golan is another factor militating against the old type large-scale lavish entertainment format: physical conditions are simply not suited to shows of that type. Budget was also a consideration in the decision to wind up the large entertainment troupes, says Avner Shalev, though by no means the major one.

"In short, it became clear that we had to abandon the existing blueprint for entertainment. We had to cut the size and number of groups performing — thereby raising standards — and build programmes around the existing talent potential — as in civilian entertainment."

NO ENTERTAINMENT troupe has actually been disbanded — but most have been allowed to die a natural death: as the army service of their members comes to an end, the groups are simply not reformed. In their place, on the basis of far higher selectivity and with a certain amount of reshuffling, there will now be about 10 much smaller, more "mobile" groups. Most have only three or four performers, and their repertoire includes light entertainment, drama, dance and music.

Sentimentalists may be sad to see the end of an era in army entertainment. One of many unusual features of the IDF is that, since every aspir-



Pikud Hamorot's new four man, one girl troupe, one of the new streamlined army groups, during a dress rehearsal recently.

ing performing artist in the country also has to do his military service, army troupes have, over the years, been the country's biggest stage schools. Ask almost any Israeli performer where he started: the answer is almost always "in an army troupe." Even as early as the War of Independence, the "Chibbutzim," forerunners of the formal entertainment units, featured two young recruits by the names of Hanna Marron and Yossi Yadin. On the other hand, even if fewer actors, singers and dancers will, in the future, be under expense most parting artists continue to be eligible for reserve duty, and the majority serve their militia in a professional capacity. How many armies in the world can call up the National Theatre for a few days of army reserve duty by performing its latest play, or enlist top pop singers for army "singing reserves?"

Raffi Ben Moshe, who has been responsible for production and organization of army troupes for the past ten years, welcomes the new decision.

"The original troupes are valuable only as long as they meet the required criteria and justified the investment made in them. But the situation after the Six Day War became ludicrous. We simply couldn't provide 18 troupes with enough high standard material. Our average output was 15 full-scale shows each year — far more than that of any civilian impresario in the country. There just aren't enough talented producers and song and lyric writers to keep up that kind of pace without becoming stale. Until now, we have been responsible for some 10,000 performances each year: 70 per cent our own groups, the rest performances by civilian entertainers in the framework of reserve duty and very occasional "bought shows."

Ben Moshe wholeheartedly endorses Avner Shalev's views on "lower standards of talent." He suggests that "maybe there's a connection with the fact that fewer youngsters join youth movements these days. When you have a core of youngsters from a movement, there always seem to be one or two natural entertainers. Also, I think there's a vicious circle: because army entertainment has lost its glamour, it attracts fewer of the bright and talented kids."

"The kind of entertainment units we are forming now are as small as possible, with the minimum of costumes and elaborate sets, working more on cabaret lines; extremely mobile, involving far fewer physical and technical problems." The official term is "Zevet Havi" — literally, "pleasure crew." Raffi Ben Moshe prefers to talk about entertainment "projects" — compact but on a high standard.

One of the most complicated aspects of his administrative role is timing and rotation. The various groups have to be organized in

overlap fashion: one at preparation stage, another in rehearsal, a third already performing, another reaching the end of its members' army service, and a replacement group ready to step in when they finish. All this is, of course, quite apart from scheduling appearances throughout the country, ensuring that each army unit gets its fair share of performances. Those in isolated positions naturally get preference over those in Tel Aviv, where entertainment "rations" are concerned. And all this in addition to the organization of performances by civilian entertainers on reserve duty. With a promise of midsum being cut down from 50 days to 45 next year, there will be still more pressure on army teams to maintain entertainment output, though Raffi Ben Moshe intends to make optimal use of the "entertainment reserves" at his disposal.

Currently on the army billboards are the following programmes: A Central Command team consisting of two male singers and 20-year-old Ruchama, who is, it seems, the IDF's current "Vera Lynn." She has just completed her army service but is so popular that she has been persuaded to sign on for another year.

Within the Southern Command there are two teams. One is a female trio which Raffi Ben Moshe describes as a "kind of Andrews Sisters show." The second consists of four boys and two girls in a programme of "Fighters' Songs." The once-famed Nahal troupe has shrunk to just two girls and a boy in an act called "Full Credit to Women," based on songs, serious and not-so-serious, about personalities from Hanna Senesh to contemporary female Knesset members.

The Pikud Hadrachia is the home of the dance group, performing folk and jazz. With 18 dancers, this is the only large group, but planned in such a way that it can work as two smaller teams. "For example, we can send the dancers down to Sinai for the day, split them between two small units for daytime performances and link them up together again in the evening for a larger show in a big army base. The group is geared to mobility with a special collapsible dance floor which can be set up even in the middle of the desert: we use taped music and no sets."

The army Chamber Quartet, which has been performing for the past six years, is well suited to the system of smaller varied groups. It plays only Mozart and Bach, but battles music to tough the emphasis is classical. "At first, commanding officers were sceptical about classical music. For a lot of the boys, it was the first time in their lives they had ever seen a violin, and yet the quartet has been extraordinarily well accepted. One of our major problems has always been to put on entertainment which is acceptable to all elements in an enormous varied audience."

THE NEWEST experiment in the army entertainment field is live theatre, with a group attached to the Transportation Corps, consisting of four boys and two girls. Their first production is Brecht's "The Rule and the Exception" which, like many of his works, has a strongly anti-militaristic, anti-war theme. Ben Moshe considers this the most important new project. "We can use drama as a vehicle for ideas and themes, and to spark off discussions on topics like patriotism, Zionism, heroism and dozens of others which would normally prove embarrassing clichés."

Like the Chamber Quartet, theatre — and Brecht in particular — has gone down very well with army audiences. "Rule and Exception" is the type of small, compact play with which the group intends to continue. "We can even perform it in a tent to an audience of a dozen soldiers. It suits all conditions, even the roughest, and this is the advantage of having our own tailor-made theatre. Also, after each performance of Brecht, for example, we hold open discussions between the actors and the audience about the play, its meanings and implications."

In terms of budget, current annual costs for army entertainment total around IL\$600,000, covering equipment, manpower and material. The total is virtually the same as last year which, taking rising costs and inflation into account, means in fact a very considerable saving.

In terms of repertoire, the new projects sound lively, varied, suitably compact. Almost all concerned are happy at this particular exercise in belt-tightening and meeting current realities, though some add the reservation that all will be well, just so long as the present status quo is retained, and as long as the new "pleasure crews" do not slowly grow back into the overblown entertainment troupes they are designed to replace.

I FIRST HEARD about Schuster's Restaurant at 10 Rehov Yorde Hadira in Tel Aviv from a friend in the army. At the time, it was a very simply, almost crudely, furnished eating place in the hinterland near the Tel Aviv Port.

By the time I visited the restaurant recently, it had been refurbished in soothing beige and browns and the hinterland had turned into an oasis of eating places for the metropolis. But the food was just as good as my friend had said it was. If anything, it was far better than I had expected.

The atmosphere was informal. A well-dressed mature woman — whom I assumed was Mrs. Schuster, greeted us and, when I waited for her to show us to a table, asked why we didn't sit down.

She also helped us through the menu which lists first and last courses. The main course is listed only as FISH. To begin, we had calamari (squid to the uninitiated) cooked in butter and garlic. Itra, the Romanian fish roe spread, was the



By HAIM SHAPIRO

A perfect meal

other first course, and it was both tasty and properly served with a pile of chopped onions on the side. For that matter the entire meal was well cooked and pleasantly

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Abstracts based in realism

CARMELA COHEN — At first sight these untitled oils are pure abstracts, as some of them undoubtedly are, mainly on perpendicular or horizontal axes, elsewhere horseshoe shaped or round swirling colour, standing out against pale backgrounds (e.g. the flaming 15) or melting into them. Looking closer, one notices that no. 1 underlines a town and port, in several others, sea-going vessels are evident. Cohen's best line should radically subordinate subject to colour and thence into her soft-edged gradations in order to avoid flatness. No. 12, apparently founded on a still life containing a bottle etc., presents a fair idea of what is intended; but the perfect example is (4), which, straight up and down, may have a realist basis; if so, it is not easily comprehended. Instead, it possesses volume, realism's first cousin, stressed by partial blue edging round one of the component forms, and thereby asserting its right to exist. This activation from volume makes (4) the finest picture on show. (Nahmani's Gallery).

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"13+1" GROUP are Members of the Painters & Sculptors "Free Organization." Their current exhibition would have been improved if so many participants had not pushed their realism up against the picture surface and had allowed for distance, the fault of several flower studies by Adiv, Klein et al. In Debaro's case this is avoided by going decorative. L. Shild's oil "Druse Women" is just saved by placing the two figures on a diagonal. Feldman's "Kinneret" may be a question of perspective or of colour contrast. Two paintings satisfy the desideratum very satisfactorily: Spira's red, with a central blue, "Waiting," of men loafing in a dark alley; and Shulman's garden scene, "In a Hospice" (watercolour) where the vista is partly stopped by some

chairs. Brecher's "Harvest" only passes muster on account of its green strip; otherwise near abstraction is not his forte. Silagyi's "Acre" is her typical gouache; Korber has two very capable line drawings, "Nude" and "Drawing," the latter sparsely delineated trees. Of A. Shild's sculpture, the plaster "Big Mother" is notable for the juxtaposition of the two figures. (Hagefen Gallery). Till April 14.

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ABRAHAM YASKIL — Paintings in his familiar sub-mural style of low-toned realism. This tonality's disadvantage lies in an extreme harmony unless it is modified by composition. Take his flower studies: their oversize brings them near to the primitive but they are saved by capable construction; on the other hand, while the yellow of (25) gives a strong and pleasant contrast, the white of (15) does not supply sufficient counter weight. There is a trend to excessive detail, from which the few items from his Biblical series are happily free; they have a simplicity at its best, among others in (11). (Beit Chagall). Till April 7.

'World of Islam'

LONDON. — A summer-long festival introducing the West to the civilization and culture of "The World of Islam," is to begin in Britain next month.

"It is an immense affair, enormous," said Paul Keller, director of the three-month orgy of exhibitions, television shows, concerts and lectures.

The festival, to be formally opened by Queen Elizabeth on April 8, is an examination of 12 centuries of Islamic life. The programme cost \$4m. and took three years to prepare. (UPI)

BRIDGE GEORGE E. LEWINREW Six or seven?

E-W Vul. Lippard
Levinrew East
West (1) 3 3 7 6 3
3 A K Q
Q A K S
Q A S S
A A S 2

ON A RECENT trip abroad, when as West I played with Mrs. Ruth Lippard of San Antonio, Texas, an American Life Master, in a Top-Bottom tournament, the above deal occurred.

The bidding:
West 2♠
E-W (2)
SNTC (2)
TV

(1) I have a positive bid with at least five hearts
(2) Blackwood
(3) One ace
(4) One king

I had a problem in bidding seven. Did partner have more than five hearts? Did she have the heart queen? Did she have any queen in the hand? Counting five heart tricks even without the heart queen, I was sure of 12 tricks, and there

were, I hoped, opportunities to make the grand slam. I might have bid seven no trump, but seven hearts seemed safer. Making the contract required an even split in trumps and a successful diamond finesse. It was our good luck that both worked. There was only a 40% chance for the even split, and a 50% chance for the finesse, so we had only 20% chance to make the contract.

Precision bidding could have landed us in a safer GNT contract as follows:

West 2♠
E-W (2)
SNTC (2)
TV
(1) At least five hearts and eight high card points
(2) Asking about the heart suit
(3) Five hearts without a top honour, and a maximum of three controls (ace = 2, king = 1)
(4) Blackwood
(5) One ace
(6) Step Blackwood asking for kings
(7) One king
(8) Step Blackwood asking for queens
(9) Sorry partner, none
(10) Oh well

CINEMA

FROM YAWN TO YAWN

The Baby Sitter (Ron, Jerusalem and Dekel, Tel Aviv). Rene Clement used to make better movies. His career goes back a long way and after he made "In Paris Burning?", he made the first-rate Charles Bronson thriller "Adieu l'ami" and "Rider on the Rain." His recent work, however, has been a disappointment.

His latest offering, "The Babysitter" has little to recommend it apart from the whimsy Maria Schneider (Michelle) in the title role. However, even her acting does not rise to any great heights and all her co-star Sydne Rome (Ann) has to offer, apart from her peculiarly spelt name, is a rather horrid scar on one breast.

This scar is the crux of the plot and drives Ann into complicity in a kidnapping. The kidnappers are a vicious, if inept, bunch and the story goes from yawn to yawn. Clement handles the technical side of things well enough, but the piecemeal plot and loose acting serve to bore rather than thrill.

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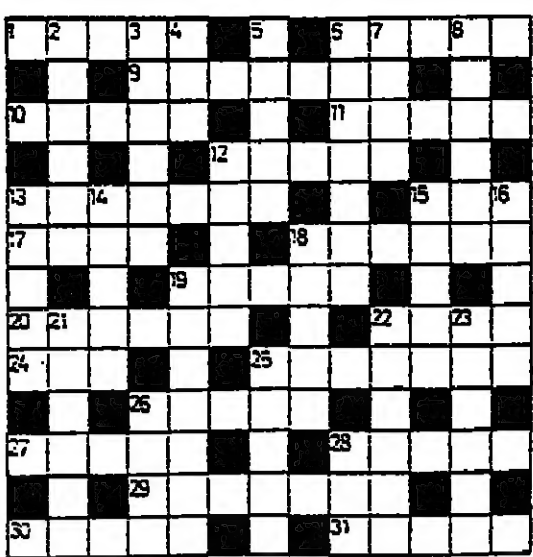
CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 He's a card! (5)
- 2 Lady's man holding a medal (5)
- 3 It may get one raving out East, on the night (7)
- 4 Contrived when waiting? (5)
- 5 Accidental shot? (5)
- 6 The one named Jewel? (5)
- 7 Always takes a girl out in a group (5)
- 8 Don't just stand waiting for the police (5)
- 9 She's really with a stick (4)
- 10 A little boy in school? (5)
- 11 Takes a variety of fish (5)
- 12 Not a lot of clothes (5)
- 13 Familiar and for a deceiver (4)
- 14 From which to drive to the junction? (5)
- 15 A number inclined not to be dirty (7)
- 16 Said when going by rail (5)
- 17 New Zealand, part of (5)
- 18 Made the right of entry? (5)
- 19 Ask in the paper? (7)
- 20 The motherly one of a famous pair (5)
- 21 Shaky bit of singing (5)

DOWN

- 1 Fellow to love with food? (5)
- 2 A couple made to be on the level (5)
- 3 Free to go in an upward direction (5)
- 4 There's clearly a lot wrong with him (5)
- 5 She takes James for (7)
- 6 Close lot of changes (5)
- 7 My piece of elastic is hidden (5)
- 8 One-eyed fellow? (5)
- 9 You like to travel (5)



EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Separated (5)
- 2 Stage remark (5)
- 3 Fitness (7)
- 4 Visitor (5)
- 5 Store (5)
- 6 Sausage (7)
- 7 Communist (5)
- 8 Stone pace (5)
- 9 Draw back (5)
- 10 Plunged (5)
- 11 Hunted for food (5)
- 12 Spoken fence (5)
- 13 Viciously (5)
- 14 Pupils (7)
- 15 Unimportant (5)
- 16 Battered (5)
- 17 Quizzes quickly (5)
- 18 Non-combatant (5)
- 19 Before deduction (5)
- 20 Former ruler (5)

DOWN

- 1 Two (5)
- 2 Noise (5)
- 3 Draw (5)
- 4 Friendship (5)
- 5 Emerged (5)
- 6 Bred in (5)
- 7 animal (5)
- 8 Run quickly (5)
- 9 Firm (5)
- 10 Discontinues (5)
- 11 Swore (5)
- 12 Kingly (5)
- 13 Exclude (5)
- 14 Respond (5)
- 15 Determined (5)
- 16 Sword (5)
- 17 Shuts (5)
- 18 Large basket (5)
- 19 Optical glass (5)
- 20 Top lightly (5)

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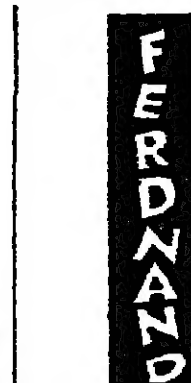
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A SETBACK FOR ALL

YESTERDAY's general strike of Israel Arabs — ostensibly to protest land expropriations — may not have been quite as general as its sponsors had hoped, but it was violent enough to bear out some of the worst fears about the growing estrangement of the country's largest minority group from the Jewish majority.

This is indeed precisely what Rakah's leaders must have intended when they engineered "Land Day." Surely nothing could have been further from their minds than the sanctity of private property in land. The idea was rather to exploit the grievances of a few Arab landowners over their partial dispossession for a well-orchestrated show of nationalist opposition, under communist aegis, against the Jewish State. The bloody altercations that ensued in several Arab towns and villages — a counterpoint to the recent disturbances in the West Bank — served communist purposes well.

Yet it would be idle to pretend that participation in the strike and the demonstrations — in the face of active discouragement by the authorities, and against the advice of the majority of Arab Local Council chairmen — was due solely to Rakah pressure, intimidation and organization. Hostility to the land expropriations has been shared by virtually the entire Arab community; the only argument has been over the proper method of expressing it.

In itself, this hostility was in a large sense an index of dissatisfaction with the rate of Arab progress in Israel over the past 25 years. Though Israel Arabs have made greater material strides, and are enjoying a greater measure of freedom than any Arab community anywhere in the Middle East, the relevant comparison for them is with the state of the Jewish community. That comparison is not always flattering. Perhaps it cannot be, at least not until such time as there is peace with the neighbouring countries. Nevertheless it is also true that more imaginative steps could have been taken to help make Israel's Arabs feel as fully-fledged Israeli citizens.

The handling of the matter of land expropriations is a case in point. Expropriation of farmland for urban development is commonplace all over the world. The land taken from Arab owners is only a minute portion of total Arab farmland in Galilee, and some of it is earmarked for Arab use. Jewish land, too, is being expropriated, and under terms of compensation much less liberal than those obtaining in the case of Arabs. Finally, the original plan of expropriation has been significantly modified in favour of the Arab landowners.

But this campaign of suasion was only started when it became clear that the attempt to lay down the law peremptorily to the Arabs was arousing fierce resistance, and when events across the "green line" were beginning to cast their disturbing shadow on Galilee.

Yet having said all this it must also be made clear that Galilee is not the West Bank. Opening it for further Jewish settlement is not subject to question from any quarter.

What the Arabs of Galilee are entitled to demand is that they are not harmed in the process and that they partake of the region's progress. No more and no less.

What they cannot expect is that Israel will countenance acts of violence or civil disobedience whose real aim is to place in doubt Israel's sovereign rights within its own territory.

Hopefully the moderate forces in the Arab community — who are the majority — will realize that the perverse course designed by Rakah can only lead to disaster.

ISRAEL PRESS

Red carpet out for Sadat

DAVAR (Histadrut), commenting on the visit of the Egyptian president to Bonn, writes: "Though Sadat's chances of purchasing arms from West Germany are slight, the latter country nevertheless constitutes an important source of economic aid for Egypt, with Bonn's importance also increasing in the political sphere especially as Sadat hopes, through this visit, to neutralize West German support of Israel — a support influenced to some extent by the legacy of the past."

HA'ARETZ (independent) writing of the Knesset Committee's findings and recommendations regarding Israel's national airline, notes that while similar proposals have been made

on more than one occasion in the past, their principal importance lies not in their contents, but in the general conclusion that arises from them. Namely, that "the committee feels the airline, as it is, has a chance of extricating itself from the general deterioration in which it finds itself from the point of view of administration and organization, labour relations and wage agreements. Even those who do not wholeheartedly concur that such a chance exists will probably agree to an attempt aimed at opening up a new page, enabling the grounded company to spread its wings and take flight, the condition being that all concerned show the goodwill and open-mindedness (needed) to understand the other side, and are prepared to forgo and compromise."

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VIEWPOINT

I WAS NOT SURPRISED, during my many visits to Israel, before coming on Aliya, when I heard the estimates of the number of abortions performed here — almost one for every two births — as this estimated ratio is the same throughout the Western world. What did amaze me, however, was the apparent indifference of the medical profession to the number of illegal abortions performed. I was also appalled to hear of the exorbitant fees charged by the physicians performing these illegal abortions.

Since settling in Israel, I have realized that among the reasons for the large number of illegal abortions were the absence of organized family-planning programmes and the stringency of the abortion law. An abortion is a form of family planning — but the least desirable one. It is obvious that if family planning services were more readily available, fewer unwanted pregnancies would result. Now that the Ministry of Health and Kupat Holim are endeavouring to make family-planning services more readily available, it is likely that with successful programmes there will be fewer abortions.

The present abortion law, which permits abortion only where the mother's life or physical or mental health is in danger, is extremely stringent. It results in the necessity of committees to decide whether these conditions exist. At present, most women who want an abortion, feeling that they might not qualify for approval under the law, resort to an illegal one. In view of the high fees charged for these illegal abortions, only women with financial means can obtain them.

With an estimated 40,000-50,000 abortions performed a year, an amendment to the Abortion Law has passed its first reading in the Knesset. It broadens the grounds for abortion: rape, incest, below legal age of marriage, unmarried, over 45 years of age, danger that the baby will be born with physical or other defects, or social reasons.

THE AMENDMENT also provides that the abortion must be performed

Abortion bill should get doctors' support

By JACK ZACKLER, M.D.

In a medical institution approved by the Ministry of Health, following approval by a committee of two — a gynaecologist, who is a must, and one other member who may be the family physician, a social worker, or a public-health nurse.

At present, any woman who belongs to Kupat Holim may request her family physician to refer her to an abortion committee. This may not be denied her. Each Kupat Holim general hospital has an abortion committee consisting of a gynaecologist, a psychiatrist, an internist and a social worker. The committee members are appointed by the Medical Department of Kupat Holim from a list submitted by each hospital. The abortion committee meets once or twice a week, and the woman is accepted without an appointment, so as to preclude a waiting period.

In other institutions the woman seeking an appointment with the abortion committee may have to see a psychiatrist and a gynaecologist before receiving an appointment with the committee. If the composition of the abortion committee is altered to a gynaecologist and one more person as proposed in the new law, it should be less difficult for a woman to receive approval.

Now the Israel Gynecology Society raises some points with which they

take issue. Spokesmen for the society state that no gynaecologist will perform an abortion approved by someone else. But since the law provides that one of the committee must be a gynaecologist, it would be logical to assume that in the implementation of the law, the gynaecologist on the abortion committee would be the one to perform the abortion, if approved, or would be a representative of the institution, in which the abortion will be performed.

THE SPOKESMEN for the society also stated that a 17-year-old girl could be left sterile following an abortion. It is not clear whether they opposed the provision in the amendment which permits abortion for women under legal age of marriage or are concerned with complications following abortions. If the former, I think they must seriously consider the social and psychological effects on the adolescent unmarried girl who is forced to give birth to an unwanted baby. If the latter, consideration must be given to the fact that throughout the world the incidence of complications in illegal abortions is not very high, as most of those are performed by qualified physicians, but why the reluctance to broaden the grounds for legal abortions and have them all performed under proper conditions?

I am aware of the difficulties that will be encountered once the amendment is passed, not the least of which will be shortage of facilities and funds. But the Israel Gynecology Society would do well to support the passage of the law and cooperate with the Ministry of Health in its implementation.

The writer was formerly Assistant Commissioner of Health in Chicago. He is now Director of Gynecology in the Medical Department of the Central Office of Kupat Holim and was a member of the committee to advise the Director-General of the Ministry of Health on how the abortion law should be amended.

Explaining Egyptian policy to the rest of the world

EGYPT'S new Minister of Culture and Information is fundamentally what one would call a technocrat, rather unlike his predecessor, Yusef el Siba'i, a popular writer of fiction and humorous sketches. (Siba'i is replacing the journalist, Hassan Abdul Kuddus, as chairman of the editorial board of Al-Ahram).

Dr. Jamal el 'Oteifi is widely known as an enthusiastic supporter of President Sadat's policy of liberalization both in the political and economic spheres. His views on other matters are rather less well known, but on record are a few interesting observations he has made in recent months on future relations between Egypt, the Arabs in general, and Israel.

Dr. 'Oteifi was one of three prominent Egyptians with whom "Newsweek's" Arnold de Borchgrave held a round-table conference in Cairo last summer. Highlights of that discussion were printed in "Newsweek" of August 18 — two weeks before the second Sinai agreement was signed by Israel and Egypt. At that juncture Dr. Klsinger's step-by-step formula seemed to have reached the end of the road; yet Dr. 'Oteifi still favoured it on the ground that it was bound to create a suitable climate to deal with the overall settlement. Convinced that "the U.S. has the means to coax Israel into withdrawing from the occupied territories," 'Oteifi stated that should the step-by-step method fail "we will be tempted to conclude that you were not really serious."

More to the point were Dr. 'Oteifi's thoughts about the future. To de Borchgrave's suggestion that an attempt be made to devise positive economic incentives designed to keep the Arabs and the Israelis from resorting to war again, he commented: "If everything falls into place in the overall settlement, there will be a role

for Israeli technology." Almost as an after-thought, he added: "But will Israel be interested? It might find such a role in conflict with its Zionist aspirations." Later in the interview he elaborated on this point. "The international community," he declared, "must make Israel understand that it cannot go on living as it has for the last 25 years and must join its own region. The industrial-belt idea would be a strong guarantee for peaceful coexistence."

Dr. 'Oteifi's somewhat liberal vision of future Arab attitudes to Israel did not pass unchallenged. In the September 1975 issue of the Marxist-orientated monthly "Al Talla," editor Lutfi el Khuli took strong exception to his views: "Are we being asked to accept coexistence with the aggressive Zionist entity? If so, then we must have been at error all these past 50 years, when we fought Zionism as a distinctive part of racist imperialism."

IN HIS REJOINER — and without sounding unduly apologetic — 'Oteifi protested that nothing he had said in the "Newsweek" interview could be interpreted as entertaining the possibility of coexistence with Zionism. As proof, he submitted, his remark that, though after a settlement he envisaged a role for Israeli technology, Israel might find such a role to be in conflict with her Zionist

aspirations, and that ultimately Israel must be made to understand that she should join her own region.

'Oteifi then proceeded to defend the idea of the interview on the ground that it served to bring out the Arabs' desire for peace but, at the same time, made such peace conditional on "fulfilling our national demands." Furthermore, the interview made it quite clear that coexistence with Israel in the future depended entirely on Israel's "abandoning her Zionist character."

ON THE FUTURE of the West Bank, Dr. 'Oteifi observed that the resistance movement there was bound to grow. "Wouldn't the Israelis rather have a responsible state there that would be recognized by the international community? This small, new state that will be called Palestine will be an Arab responsibility as well, and it will have to be one of the signatories to the over-all settlement."

Both the "Newsweek" interview and the "Al Talla" article indicate that 'Oteifi is a good man; it is not too clear where he stands. What he seems to be saying is that Egypt and Arabs will indeed sign an "over-all settlement" with Israel as she is today. Peaceful coexistence, however, is another story altogether, and would require Israel to abandon her "Zionist character." Another major ambiguity attaches to a statement made by 'Oteifi almost in passing and in which he assures Khuli that the Arabs "will never give up the idea of a return to the 1948 boundaries rather than those of 1967."

Not that 'Oteifi's own private thoughts and sentiments will matter over-much now that he is a member of the Egyptian cabinet. Like ministers and senior government officials everywhere, he will duly toe the line. Only more so, perhaps.

Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

JEWISH PRAYER ON TEMPLE MOUNT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I appreciate the restraint shown by Abraham Rabinovitch in his article on the question of Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount (March 18). However, it is difficult for me to be objective and dispassionate in a matter in which I confess that my feeling is both subjective and emotional.

I did not wait for the ruling of one whom Abraham Rabinovitch elegantly calls a "freshman judge" to fulfill my yearning to pray there. On the Fast of Tzavet in 1973, I led a minyan in prayer on a spot of the Mount which I was convinced, after an exhaustive examination of the halachic aspect, was beyond the area of prohibition even according to those who maintain that there exists such a prohibition; although we were ordered to leave, we did succeed in completing our devotions.

In the present instance we were faced with the ludicrous situation that Arab schoolboys and youth were agitating against a legal ruling permitting Jews to pray there, before any Jews attempted to exercise that right, and we resolved to rectify it. We informed the police of our intention; a delegation went to the Minister of Religious Affairs to

request him to fulfill the directive of the Magistrate's Court that he issue the necessary regulations for prayer there; and we adhered to our undertaking to the police that, although our view they had no legal right to stop us, we would under no circumstances be guilty of violence, and in effect the sacred took place at the entrance to the Mughrabi Gate.

We fully acknowledge that the site is invested with sanctity to Moslems and we respect it. But it is the most holy spot in the world to Islam, while it is the most sacred spot in the world for the Jews and the sanctity precedes that of Islam's millennium.

Is it really hot-headed fanaticism to hope that permission may be granted to Jews to pray at a site when Moslem prayer is not taking place, and at a spot far removed from the site of their devotions or from the area prohibited by the Jews who maintain that such a prohibition exists?

And do those who oppose this really believe that a ban on prayer by Jews at the site most sacred to them will bring Arab agitation to an end?

LOUIS I. RABINOWITZ
Jerusalem.

THE GEOGRAPHY WAS WRONG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In her article about Womde Figue (March 17), Joan Borsten writes that Surinam borders on British Guiana, French Guiana and Brazil. In fact, French Guiana is on Africa's West Coast and not in South America, while Surinam borders on Guyana.

MATTI GOLDSCHMIDT
Ma'agan Michael.

FRANZ LEHAR AND RICHARD STRAUSS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We seem to apply double standards in our musical life. The ban on Wagner and Strauss has often been discussed and criticized, Wagner because of his rabid anti-Semitism and Richard Strauss because in 1933 he accepted the presidency of Germany's state music council. Yet in 1933, when his new opera, "The silent woman," had to be staged in Dresden, he insisted that the name of his librettist, the famous Jewish writer Stefan Zweig, be included on the programme. This caused a big scandal with the Nazis and Strauss had to resign his position and never again cooperated with the Nazi government.

In contrast to this, Franz Lehar agreed that the names of his Jewish librettists be deleted or omitted from the programmes of his operettas and he did nothing to save their lives, which ended in concentration camps. He dedicated a work to "my

beloved Fuehrer" and was in full sympathy with the Nazi government.

Why then may the Israeli National Opera stage an operetta of Lehar, a obvious collaborator, when the music of Strauss who showed more character is boycotted?

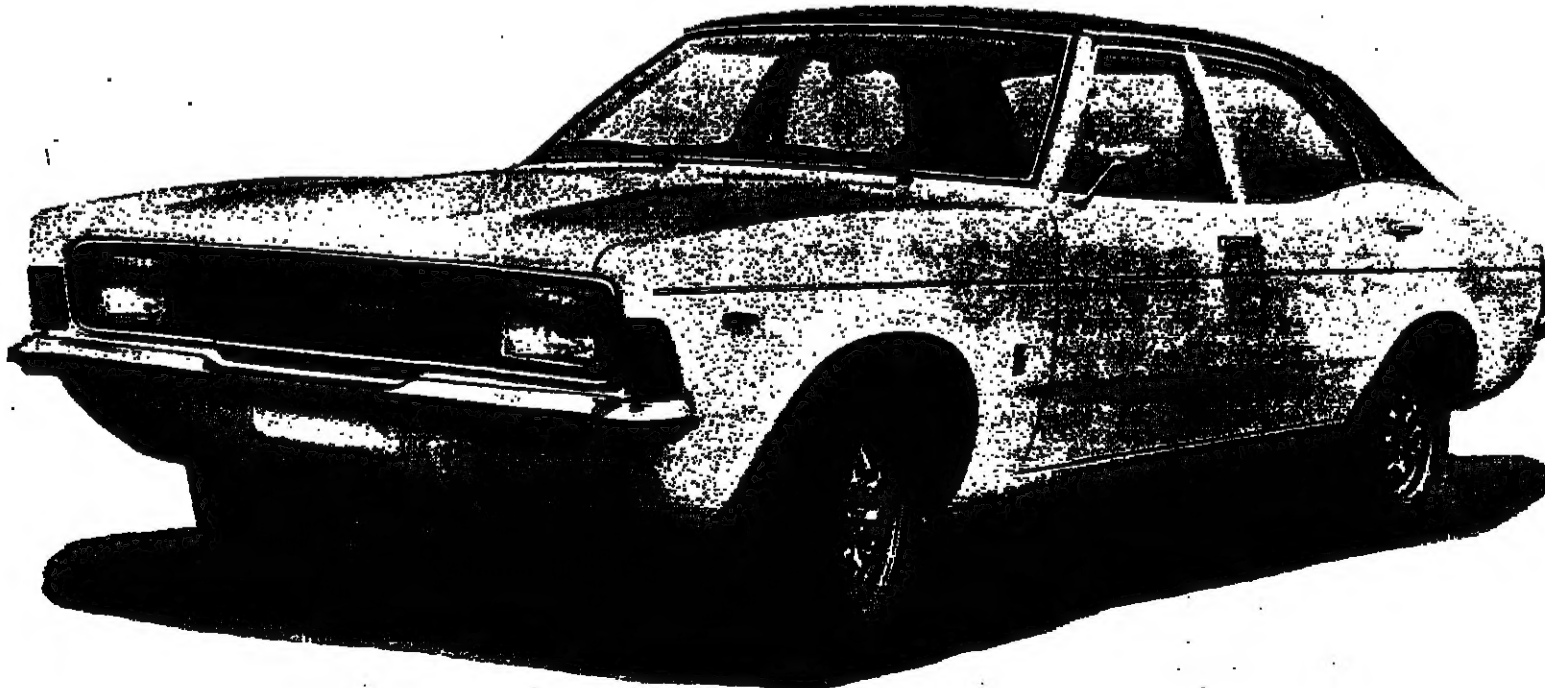
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